

CLAIMS

1 1. Method for controlling access by a requestor (7) to resources (2d) in a
2 computer system (1) in which the requester is assigned one or more roles based on an access
3 control list that defines the conditions for obtaining a right to a resource, characterized in that
4 it consists of restricting the resources accessible for a given role to only part of the resources,
5 by means of a validity domain of the role.

1 2. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that it stores an additional piece
2 of information relative to the need to consult the validity domain of the role in the access
3 control list.

1 3. Method according to claim 2, characterized in that it consults the additional
2 information relative to the need to consult the validity domain of the role and verifies that the
3 resource in question belongs to the validity domain only if said information requires it.

1 4. Method according to claim 2, characterized in that it performs an access check
2 on two levels:

- a first level on the type of the resource (2d);
- a second level on the identifier of the resource (2d).

1 5. Method according to claim 4, characterized in that it performs a first-level
2 check verifying the existence of at least one entry of the access control list that satisfies the
3 conditions for obtaining the requested right, and if the entry exists, the existence of a validity
4 domain for said entry.

1 6. Method according to claim 5, characterized in that it performs a second-level
2 check verifying, if the requested permission contains a resource identifier, the existence of at
3 least one configured permission corresponding to the requested permission, and the value of
4 the additional information relative to the need to consult the validity domain.

1 7. Method according to any of claims 1 through 5, characterized in that it
2 consists of grouping rights or resources into generic groups represented by special characters
3 or keywords or other symbols.

1 8. Device for controlling access by a requestor to resources (2d) in a computer
2 system (1), characterized in that it comprises a management machine (2a) comprising an
3 access control service, the RAC (6), and means for storing (10) roles, access control lists and
4 validity domains

1 9. Device for implementing the method according to any of claims 1 through 6.

1 10. Software module for implementing the method according to any of claims 1
through 6.